

# NEWS & NOTES

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### ALAMEDA

Dr. Arnold Nurock has been named director of the **Birth Defects Center** at Children's Hospital of the East Bay. He will head a team whose work will be carried on in the new \$900,000 William H. and Helen G. Ford Diagnostic and Treatment Center at the hospital. Among its services the team will perform diagnostic studies to determine if the problems of patients referred to the center are due to birth defects. If so, the team will work out a complete plan of rehabilitation to enable the patient to function at the highest possible level. The causes of birth defects also will be investigated.

### GENERAL

**California Physicians' Service**, participating in a campaign by Blue Shield plans across the nation to **enroll persons over 65 years of age** in prepaid health care coverage, is offering to senior citizens in this state a comprehensive scope of benefits including hospitalization, physician care in a hospital, surgical treatment in hospital or office, x-ray and laboratory services, inpatient psychiatric care and post-hospital convalescent care.

The plan is being offered at \$13.85 a month for individuals and C.P.S. member physicians will accept C.P.S. fees, based on a \$4 Relative Value factor, as payment in full for covered physician services if the patient's income is \$6,000 a year or less. Enrollment in the new plan is **not subject to a physical examination** or health statement, and past or present state of health does not affect eligibility for membership. November 15 has been set as the closing date for enrollment.

California Physicians' Service now provides coverage for some 50,000 persons over 65.

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**The Audio-Digest Foundation**, non-profit subsidiary of the California Medical Association, is considering adding **articles on ophthalmology** to its present group of tape recordings that are offered for subscription by physicians. Audio-Digest recordings over the past ten years have become popular means of "keeping up" in six other areas of medical practice: General practice, surgery, internal medicine, obstetrics-gynecology, pediatrics and anesthesiology. More than 30,000 recordings are mailed to all parts of the world each month.

According to the Foundation's board of trustees, the exact commencement date of Audio-Digest Ophthalmology depends upon how many pre-enrolled subscribers are obtained between now and early 1963. It is intended that the tapes will be issued twice each month. If sufficient interest is indicated from otorhinolaryngologists, as well as ophthalmologists, one tape a month will be devoted solely to the eye and the other to ear, nose, and throat.

Interested specialists are invited to indicate their subscription choice by writing for further information from C. L. Oakley, editor, 619 S. Westlake Ave., Los Angeles 57.

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**Dr. Malcolm H. Merrill**, California director of public health, has been appointed by President John Kennedy to

serve on the newly formed national **Health Resources Advisory Committee**.

The committee was created as a result of recommendations made by the Health Resources Management Conference, held in January. Its purpose will be to make recommendations to the Director, Office of Emergency Planning, on questions of policy relative to the production, allocation, and utilization of health resources under various emergency and mobilization situations.

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Financial help in the **care of children with cystic fibrosis** recently became available through the California Crippled Children's Service.

Physicians having patients with the disease who are in need of such help may obtain information from the Crippled Children's Service or from the nearest local chapter of the National Cystic Fibrosis Research Foundation. Both are listed in telephone books under, respectively *Crippled Children* and *Cystic Fibrosis*.

In calling attention to the new assistance program, the San Francisco chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation said that "the number of CF applications on file with each county Crippled Children's Service will play an important part in helping this agency determine the amount of money needed to finance the program during the next fiscal year."

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Cooperating with the national Youth Fitness Program, the School Health Committee of the C.M.A. has prepared a guide for use by physicians concerned with developing health education programs in schools of their own community.

Copies of the guides—two and a half pages of printed matter—have been sent to component societies, which can distribute them to interested physicians. In addition the California Department of Education has mailed them to 1,400 school superintendents with a covering letter urging close cooperation with local medical societies.

In a letter transmitting the guides to component societies, Dr. Omer W. Wheeler, president of the California Medical Association, and Dr. M. H. Jennison, chairman of the Committee on School Health, said:

"While schools are now emphasizing vigorous exercise, the medical profession must be watchful that other aspects of fitness are not neglected. Cooperation with school authorities at the local level to work out acceptable procedures for periodic examinations, for screening procedures, and for transmitting medical information to schools is necessary. Cooperation is a joint responsibility of each Component Medical Society School Health Committee and individual physicians and the schools of each community."

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A five-day Postgraduate Course on the **Modern Physiological Concept of Cardiovascular Disease**, directed by Dr. Arthur Selzer, will be given by the American College of Physicians February 11-15, 1963, at Presbyterian Medical Center, San Francisco. The tentative program for the course follows:

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

MORNING SESSION—Chairman, Arthur Selzer, M.D.

8:30-9:30—Registration.

9:30-10:15—Lecture: Current Concepts of the Regulation of Cardiac Performance, Stanley Sarnoff, M.D.

10:15-10:35—Intermission.

10:35-11:00—Physiological Basis of Dyspnea, Frederic El-dridge, M.D.

11:00-11:30—Origin of Heart Sounds, John J. Kelly, Jr., M.D.

11:30-12:15—Panel: Cardiac Murmurs; Moderator: Arthur Selzer, M.D.; Panelists: J. J. Kelly, Jr., M.D., David

Bruns, M.D., Howard Burchell, M.D., and Herbert Hultgren, M.D.

AFTERNOON SESSION—*Chairman*, Forrest M. Willett, M.D.

SYMPOSIUM: *Applied Hemodynamics*

- 1:30-2:05—Cardiac Output, Arthur Selzer, M.D.
- 2:05-2:40—Vascular Resistances: Systemic and Pulmonary Hypertension, Malcolm McIlroy, M.D.
- 2:40-3:10—Arterial and Venous Pulses, Howard Burchell, M.D.
- 3:10-3:30—Intermission.
- 3:30-4:05—Physiological Effects of Exercise Upon the Circulation, Robert Bruce, M.D.
- 4:05-4:40—Atrial Function, Stanley Sarnoff, M.D.
- 4:40-5:15—Question and Answer Period.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

MORNING SESSION—*Chairman*, Dwight L. Wilbur, M.D.

- 9:00-9:30—Demonstration: Physiological Equipment.
- 9:30-10:15—Lecture: Physiology and Pharmacology of the Autonomic Nervous System, Julius Comroe, Jr., M.D.
- 10:15-10:35—Intermission.
- 10:35-11:05—Renal Factors in Hypertension, Thomas Stamey, M.D.
- 11:05-11:35—Hemodynamics of Arterial Hypertension, Herbert Hultgren, M.D.
- 11:35-12:20—Panel: Hypotensive Drugs; Moderator: Herbert Hultgren, M.D.; Panelists: Philip Pillsbury, M.D., Howard Burchell, M.D., David Rytand, M.D., and Frederick Meyers, M.D.

AFTERNOON SESSION—*Chairman*, Leyland Stevens, M.D.

SYMPOSIUM: *Electrophysiology of the Heart*

- 1:30-2:05—Atrial Arrhythmias, David Rytand, M.D.
- 2:05-2:40—Ventricular Arrhythmias, Herbert Hultgren, M.D.
- 2:40-3:05—Cardiac Response to Electrical Stimulation, John Sampson, M.D.
- 3:05-3:25—Intermission.
- 3:25-4:10—Current Concepts of Ventricular Activation, Allen Scher, M.D.
- 4:10-4:45—Orthogonal Lead Systems in Electrocardiography, Mervin Goldman, M.D.
- 4:45-5:15—Question and Answer Period.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

MORNING SESSION—*Chairman*, Robert L. Smith, Jr., M.D.

- 9:00-9:30—Demonstration: Physiological Equipment (continued)
- 9:30-10:15—Lecture: Current Concepts of Myocardial Metabolism, Wilfred Mommaertz, M.D.
- 10:15-10:35—Intermission.
- 10:35-11:05—Roentgen Physiology of the Coronary Circulation, Herbert L. Abrams, M.D.
- 11:05-11:35—Coronary Function Tests, Howard Burchell, M.D.
- 11:35-12:15—Panel: Physiologic Aspects of Coronary Insufficiency; Moderator: Robert L. Smith, Jr., M.D.; Panelists: Herbert L. Abrams, M.D., John Sampson, M.D., and Howard Burchell, M.D.

AFTERNOON SESSION—*Chairman*, Harold K. Faber, M.D.

SYMPOSIUM: *Cardiac Failure*

- 1:30-2:00—Changing Concepts of Cardiac Failure, John Osborn, M.D.
- 2:00-2:30—Pathogenesis of Pulmonary Edema, Stanley Sarnoff, M.D.
- 2:30-3:10—Electrolyte Balance and Imbalance in Heart Failure, Isadore Edelman, M.D.
- 3:10-3:30—Intermission.
- 3:30-4:10—Endocrine Factors in Cardiac Failure, John Luetscher, M.D.
- 4:10-4:40—Hemodynamics of Cardiac Failure, Arthur Selzer, M.D.
- 4:40-5:15—Question and Answer Period.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

MORNING SESSION—*Chairman*, Edgar Wayburn, M.D.

- 9:00-9:30—Demonstration: Extracorporeal Circulation.
- 9:30-10:15—Lecture: Immunology and the Cardiovascular System, Halsted Holman, M.D.
- 10:15-10:35—Intermission.
- 10:35-11:05—Lipids and Coronary Disease, R. Gordon Gould, M.D.
- 11:05-11:35—Coagulation and Thrombosis and Cardiovascular Disease, Christian Borchgrevink, M.D.
- 11:35-12:15—Panel: Arteriosclerosis; Moderator: Col. Loren F. Parmley, M.C., U.S.A.; Panelists: Alvin Cox, M.D., R. Gordon Gould, Ph.D., C. Borchgrevink, M.D., Howard Burchell, M.D.

AFTERNOON SESSION—*Chairman*, Emile Holman, M.D.

SYMPOSIUM: *Physiological Aspects of Operable Heart Disease*

- 1:30-2:05—Hemodynamics of Valvular Stenosis, E. Wm. Hancock, M.D.
- 2:05-2:40—Hemodynamics of Valvular Regurgitation, Elliot Rapaport, M.D.
- 2:40-3:25—Physiological Consideration in the Surgical Treatment of Congenital Heart Disease, Howard Burchell, M.D.
- 3:25-3:45—Intermission.
- 3:45-4:20—Physiological Lessons from Cardiac Surgery, Frank Gerbode, M.D.
- 4:20-4:45—Regressive Physiological Changes following Cardiac Surgery, Arthur Selzer, M.D.
- 4:45-5:15—Question and Answer Period.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

*Chairman*, George Robson, M.D.

- 9:00-9:40—Film: "Extracorporeal Circulation and Hypothermia in Cardiac Surgery, Doctors Gerbode and Osborn.
- 9:40-10:10—Perfusion and Hypothermia, John Osborn, M.D.
- 10:10-10:30—Intermission.
- 10:30-11:15—Lecture: The Control of Peripheral Circulation, Professor A. David M. Greenfield.
- 11:15-11:45—Catecholamines and the Cardiovascular System, Alan Goldfien, M.D.
- 11:45-12:15—Effect of Chronic Respiratory Diseases upon the Circulation, Frederic Eldridge, M.D.
- 12:15-12:20—Closing Remarks.